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# THE BEAR!



TTBB  
(OPTIONAL HAND DRUM)

2023

Accompaniment with Bodhran or other flat shallow hand drum is appropriate.  
Key off the marks for clapping/stamping.

## The Bear, The Bear (and the Maiden Fair)

**Vivo**  $\text{♩} = 120$

*(All opt. stamp gently, or tap foot, where marked)*

↓      ↓      ↓      (etc.)

TENOR 1

TENOR 2

BASS 1

BASS 2

*(stretch with arms) (like a sleepy bear waking from hibernation)*

A Bear there was, there was a Bear—  
*(stretch with arms) (like a sleepy bear waking from hibernation)*

Ahh— (uhhr) - ROO— A Bear there was, there was a Bear—  
*(opt. 8va)*

Ahh— (uhhr) - ROO—

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Bear!— A Bear!— All black and brown and cov-ered with hair— All black and brown and

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A Bear!— A Bear!

*mf (loco)*

OO— A Bear!— A Bear!

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cov-ered with hair, the Bear, the Bear, the Bear!

the Bear, the Bear, the Bear,

the Bear, the Bear, the Bear,

Ahh (uhhr) - ROO

Ahh (uhhr) - ROO

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come they said, o come to the Fair, The Fair! the Fair Said he:

come they said, o come to the Fair, The Fair! the Fair Said he: "But I'm a Bear, a Bear

O come to the Fair

"But I'm a Bear, a Bear, a Bear, a Bear,

mf (loco)

OO

a Bear, a Bear,

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All black and brown and cov-ered with hair, but I will go to the Fair! And down the road from

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Bear,

but I will go to the Fair! And down the road from

Bear,

but I will go to the Fair! And down the road from

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(etc., marching in place)

Here to There, from Here! to There! Three Boys, a Goat and a Danc-ing Bear, they  
 Here to There, from Here! Three Boys, a Goat and a Danc-ing Bear, they  
 Here to There, from Here! to There! Three Boys, a Goat and a Danc ing Bear, they  
 Here to There, from Here! to There! Three Boys, a Goat and a Danc-ing Bear, they

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danced and spun all the way to the Fair, All the way to the Fair!  
 danced and spun all the way to the Fair, All the way to the Fair! All the way to the  
 danced and spun all the way to the Fair, All the way to the Fair! All the way to the  
 danced and spun all the way to the Fair, All the way to the Fair!

46 stop stamping      *stamp clap\**      (\* or slap thigh)      (etc.)      *lyrical* *mf*      (*opt. falsetto*)      (*nat.*)

Fair! Ahh (uhh) -REE Oh, sweet she was and pure and fair The  
 Fair! Ahh (uhh) -REE      *f*      *p mf* *lyrical*      *fp*      *mf* and fair\_ and fair!\_ The  
 Fair! Ahh (uhh) -REE      *f*      *p*      *mp* Ahh  
 Ahh (uhh) -REE      *f*      *p*      *mp* Ahh

55

stamp      stamp  
↓      ↓

maid with hon ey in her hair!      her hair!      her hair! Allsweet the hon ey in her hair, her hair! her hair!  
maid with hon ey in her hair!      her hair!      her hair! Allsweet the hon ey in her hair, her hair! her hair!  
REE      her hair!      her hair!      her hair! her hair! her hair! her hair! her hair!

stamp  
↓ stop stamping

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hair!      the Bear!      the Bear!      All  
hair!      the Bear!      the Bear!      All  
hair!      HE      smelled the scent on the sum-mer air      the Bear!      the Bear!  
hair!      HE      smelled the scent on the sum-mer air      the Bear!      the Bear!

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black and brown and cov-ered with hair      the Bear!      He smelled the scent on the sum-mer air, the  
black and brown and cov-ered with hair      the Bear!      He smelled the scent on the sum-mer air, the  
the Bear!      the Bear! He smelled the scent on the sum-mer air, the  
the Bear!      the Bear! He smelled the scent on the sum-mer air, the



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(opt. falsetto) (nat.)

pure and fair, I'm pure— I'm fair! I'll nev-er dance with a hair-y Bear— a Bear!— a Bear! I'll

(opt. falsetto) (nat.)

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ROO Ahhrr - ROO Ahhrr - ROO Ahhrr - ROO Ahhrr ROO A Bear!— a Bear! Ahhrr-

ROO Ahhrr - ROO A Bear!— a Bear! Ahhrr-

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stamp stamp stamp  
↓ ↓ ↓ stop stamping

nev - er dance with a Hair— y Bear, a Bear! a Bear! a Bear!

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ROO Ahhrr - ROO a Bear! a Bear! a Bear! But he lift-ed her high in

ROO Ahhrr - ROO a Bear! a Bear! a Bear! But he lift-ed her high in

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the Air— the Air— (her

the Air— the Air— (her

to the Air!— the Air!— the Air! He sniffed and roared and smelled her There—

to the Air!— the Air!— the Air! He sniffed and roared and smelled her There—

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There, her There) He smelled the hon ey in her hair  
There, her There) He smelled the hon ey in her hair  
(her There, her There) He smelled the hon ey in her hair  
(her There, her There) He smelled the hon ey in her hair

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Smelled her hon ey there (the) Oh, She kicked and wailed, the  
Smelled her hon ey there hon-ey in her hair! Oh, She kicked and wailed, the  
Smelled her hon ey there hon-ey in her hair, Ah-ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah  
Smelled her hon ey there Ah-ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah

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lyrical *mf* (opt. falsetto)

Maid so fair, so fair, so fair but he licked the ho - ney from her Hair (nat.) her Hair  
Maid so fair, so fair, so fair but he licked the ho - ney from her Hair her Hair  
ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, so fair, so fair, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, her Hair Ah  
ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, so fair, so fair, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, Ah ROO, her Hair Ah

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the Bear! he licked the hon - ey from her hair, he licked the ho - ney there!

the Bear! he licked the hon - ey from her hair, he licked the ho - ney there!

ROO, \_\_\_\_\_ he licked the hon - ey from her hair, he licked the ho - ney there!

ROO, \_\_\_\_\_ he licked the hon - ey from her hair, he licked the ho - ney there!

$\text{J.} = 100$  **Poco Meno Mosso (in one)**

*maudlin, suggestive*

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Then she sighed and squealed and kicked the air ah - ree

Then she sighed and squealed and kicked the air ah - ree

Then she sighed and squealed and kicked the air, ah - roo ah - ree

Then she sighed and squealed and kicked the air, ah - roo ah - ree

**poco rit.**

"My Bear!" she sang, "My Bear so Fair" Then off they went from

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160      ↓      ↓      (etc.)

8 Here to There, from Here to There and Here and There, oh down her Road from Here to There, The Bear\_\_\_ the (the)

8 Here to There, from Here to There and Here and There, oh down her Road from Here to There, The Bear\_\_\_ the (the)

Here to There, from Here to There and Here and There, oh down her Road from Here to There      The Bear\_\_\_  
(the)

Here to There, from Here to There and Here and There, oh down her Road from Here to There      The Bear\_\_\_  
(the)

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8 Bear\_\_\_ her Hair\_\_\_ his Hair\_\_\_ from Here to There OH DON'T YOU DARE, The Bear

8 Bear\_\_\_ her Hair\_\_\_ his Hair\_\_\_ from Here to There OH DON'T YOU DARE, The Bear

— the Fair\_\_\_ so Fair\_\_\_ the Air, from Here to There OH DON'T YOU DARE, The Bear

— the Fair\_\_\_ so Fair\_\_\_ the Air, from Here to There OH DON'T YOU DARE, The Bear

**SPBSQA steely \_\_\_\_\_ Ancora Meno Mosso**

**Ritenuto**       $\text{♩} = 80$        $\text{♩} = 56$

172      ↓ stop stamping      **Attacca** **f**      **mp**      *molto*

8 and the Mai den Fair

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Aahh uh ROAR

Aahh uh ROAR

Aahh uh ROAR

**f**      **mp**      *molto*

**(opt. 8va)**      **mp**      **(loco)**      *molto*

Aahh uh ROAR